all stakeholders concerned, the Committee will suggest a comprehensive mechanism for pricing and taxation of sensitive petroleum products, and other allied issues.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Appointment of independent Directors

685. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for appointment of independent Directors on the Board of a Navratna or a mini-Navratna Oil PSUs to make them globally competitive and to have a level playing field with the corporates;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the Department of Public Enterprises for appointing independent Directors on the Board of Oil PSUs in the recent past;

(c) if so, the details of candidates recommended for appointment as independent Directors on the Board of Oil PSUs;

(d) whether it is a fact that Ministry has rejected them and decided to fill in the places with politicians; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The guidelines for the appointment of independent directors to Navratna/Miniratna Oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are issued by Department of Public Enterprises (DPE).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details of the candidates recommended by DPE on the Board of Oil PSUs are given in the enclosed statement (See below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Do not arise, in view of (d) above.

Statement

Names of the candidates recommended by the Department of Public Enterprises on the Board of Oil Public Sector Undertakings

SI.No.	Name	Organisations for which recommended
1	2	3
1.	Prof. Venkateswaran, Prof. IIM Ahmedabad	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
2.	Dr. N.C. Saxena, former Secy., GOI	Gas Authority of India Limited
3.	Shri Ajit K. Kapadia, Vice Chairman, Centre for Fuel Studies & Research	Gas Authority of India Limited
4.	Shri Arvind Verma, former Secy., GOI	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
5.	Shri P.V. Rajaraman, former Chairman, Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
6.	Prof. Prakash Apte, Director, IIM Bangalore	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
7.	Mrs. Indira J. Parekh, Prof. IIM Ahmedabad	Indian Oil Corporation Limited
8.	Shri R.K. Pachauri, DG,TERI	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation
9.	Shri V.P. Singh, former CMD, IFCI	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation
10.	Shri Vineet Nayyar, former CMD, GAIL	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation
11.	Shri Bakul Dholakia, IIM Ahmedabad	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation
12.	Shri P.K. Choudury, MD, ICRA Ltd.	Oil & Nature Gas Corporation

1	2	3
13.	Shri Avinash Chandra, former DG, Hydro Carbons	Engineers India Limited
14.	Shri Rajat Gupta, Adviser, Board of Harvard Business School	Engineers India Limited
15.	Or. Pritam Singh, Director, MDI,	Engineers India Limited
16.	Shri P.K. Bora, former Chief Secretary, Govt, of Assam	Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited
17.	Shri M.P. Bezbaruah, former Secretary to Govt, of India	Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited
18.	Shri. J.P. Rajkhowa, former Chief Secretary, Assam	Numaligarh Refinery Limited
19.	Prof. Shekhar Chaudhuri, Director, MM Calcutta	Namuligarh Refinery Limited
20.	Prof. Atul Sarma, former Professor, Indian Statistical Institute	Oil India Limited
21.	Prof. T.S. Vijayraghavan, former Secretary Oil India Limited to Govt, of India	
22.	Shri P.G. Mankad, former Finance Secretary, Govt, of India	ONGC Videsh Limited
23.	Shri Rajat Gupta, Ex-Mg. Partner Mckinsey & Co.	ONGC Videsh Limited

Diversion of Domestic LPG for Commercial Purposes

686. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic LPG consumers in Karnataka;

(b) the number of LPG consumers in Bangalore city;

(c) the quantum in metric tonnes of cooking gas required every month;